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SUBJ: JOINT COMMITTEE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY: POSTDOCTORAL AND
TRAVEL PROPOSALS

1. AN INFORMAL WORKING GROUP COMPOSED OF SCIATT AND TWO MEMBERS OF THE STAFF OF THE JOINT SECRETARIAT OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE FOR S & T AND E& C MET TODAY TO COMPLETE PRELIMINARY REVIEW OF PROPOSALS. S & T JOINT COMMITTEE SECRETARY BENAVIDES ATTENDED THE MEETING BUT DID NOT OFFICIALLY REPEAT OFFICIALLY PARTICIPATE. THE FOLLOWING SEVENTEEN POSTDOCOTRAL PROPOSALS ARE RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL, IN THE ORDR GIVEN IN THE TABLE WHICH ACCOMPANIED THE PROPOSALS: -002 GARCIA, -009 VILLALOBO, -011 BENAVIDES, -013 PALACIOS, -015 SANCHEZ, -016 LUQUE, -017 MOURINA, -021 MELIAN, -024 SANTIDRIAN, - 031 VARELA, -032 MARTINEZ, -033 ORERA (MISSPELLED OLERA), -036 SERRADEL, -045 MARTI, -049 FERNANDEZ CRUZ, -403/4 CHAMARRO AND -403/6 LARRAGA. ONE PROPOSAL, -027 FERNANDEZ PUENTE, WAS TRANSFERRED TO THE TRAVEL PROPOSAL LIST. THE REMAINING NINE ARE, IN THE OPINION OF THE WORKING GROUP, FOR RESEARCH OR POSTDOCTORAL STUDY OUTSIDE THE SCOPE OF THE PROGRAM AND ARE NOT RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL.

2. ALL BUT ONE OF THE 24 TRAVEL GRANT PROPOSALS
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WERE APPROVED. -397 ROYO WAS REJECTED BECAUSE THE TRIP WAS COMPLETED BEFORE THE PROPOSAL WAS SUBMITTED. -027 FERNANDEZ PUENTE WAS TRANSFERRED AS NOTED ABOVE AND APPROVED.

3. BECAUSE SPANISH COCHAIRMAN BARROSO HAS ALREADY APPROVED ALL OF THE PROPOSALS, ONLY THE APPROVAL BY

ASSISTANT SECRETARY MINK, AS U.S. COCHAIRPERSON, OF ALL OR PART OF THEM (AS RECOMMENDED HERE) IS REQUIRED TO MAKE THE FINAL SELECTION A JOINT COMMITTEE DECISION. HER APPROVAL, WHICH CAN BE BY TELEGRAM, WOULD BE CONVEYED BY NOTE TO FONOFF. THE SECRETARIAT STAFF WOULD IMMEDIATELY CHECK WITH EACH SELECTEE TO DETERMINE HIS OR HER CONTINUING INTEREST AND THE DESIRED STARTING DATE, REWORK THE PROPOSAL BUDGETS AND PREPARE THE AWARD LETTERS FOR THE SIGNATURE OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE SECRETARY. EMBASSY WOULD THEN REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT TO TRANSFER THE FUNDS ACTUALLY NEEDED ON THE BASIS OF THE REVISED BUDGETS.

4. THE QUESTION OF THE USE OF U.S. CARRIERS AROSE AGAIN. THE FULBRIGHT COMMISSION HAS ALLOWED CONSIDERABLE FLEXIBILITY IN THIS REQUIREMENT, EVEN TO THE EXTENT OF U.S. CARRIER ONE WAY AND IBERIA AIRLINES THE OTHER. SECRETARY BENAVIDES WOULD LIKE A DECISION BY THE COCHAIRPERSONS MADE BEFORE THE OCTOBER 18 JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING, TO AVOID A FLOOR DEBATE AT THE MEETING, BUT AGREED THAT UNTIL THIS DECISION IS MADE ONLY U.S. CARRIERS WILL BE ALLOWED UNLESS THERE ARE EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES WHICH UNDER OUR REGULATION PERMIT EXCEPTIONS. STABLER

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